മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അവിവാഹിതകളായവർക്ക് അവസാനം ക്ഷയരോഗം ബാധിക്കുന്നതായിട്ട് ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന് കാണാനുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: ഇല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ പത്തിൽ അച്യുതമേനോൻ: നിയമസഭയിൽ പാസ്സാക്കിയതിനെ ആസ്പദമാക്കിയ എക്സ്പ്ലിക്കേറ്ററി നോട്ട് റദ്ദ് ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ ഇനിയെങ്കിലും നിയമസഭയുടെ അനുവാദം വാങ്ങിക്കുവാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ നിയമസഭയോട് ചോദിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെന്നതോന്നുന്നില്ല. വല്ല നിയമങ്ങളും മറ്റുമാണെങ്കിൽ അതു നിയമസഭയുടെ അനുവാദത്തോടുകൂടിയാണ് റദ്ദ് ചെയ്യുന്നത്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ: ഇത് നിയമസഭയോടാലോചിക്കാതെ റദ്ദ് ചെയ്യുന്നത് മര്യാദയാണെന്ന ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനുതോന്നുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government)*: It is a matter of opinion.

മിസ്റ്റർ പത്തിൽ അച്യുതമേനോൻ: ഇനിയെങ്കിലും ഇതുപോലെയുള്ളകാര്യങ്ങൾ ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ ആ ഒരു സംഗതി ആലോചിക്കുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: ആലോചിക്കാം.

PLACES OF PUBLIC WORSHIP—LISTS OF

318. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state:—

1. A list of places of public worships situated in the villages of Porkulam, Chowwannur, Kanipayyoor, Artteal, Anjoor, Kangad and Kunnamkulam of Talappalli Taluk showing the following details;

(*a*) whether they came into existence before or after Act I of 1062 became law in this State;

(*b*) in what Survey Nos. are they situated;

(*c*) the communities to which they belong;

(*d*) whether under Sirkar Devaswam or under private trustees;

(*e*) whether sanction has been granted under section 2 of Act 1 of 1062?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) to (*e*) A statement containing the information is placed on the Council Table.

DRINKING WATER—PEOPLE IN COASTAL AREAS

319. Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal)*: Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the people of the coastal areas have on several occasions made representations to the Government about the necessity of good drinking water and light;

(*b*) if so, what scheme the Government have adopted to satisfy them?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) With the limited quantity of water that could be pumped from Chowwara, it was not possible to take up any further extensions of supply of water. Now that the duplication of the 12" pipe line is being done, the question of water supply to the coastal areas is being considered and is programmed to be taken up as a Post-War Scheme. The question of introducing electric light to the coastal areas will be taken up when the position of the current supply improves.

Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal)*: May I know whether there were any representations from the people of the coastal areas for the supply of good drinking water since a very long time?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. P. A. Mohamed Ashrof *(Cranganur)*: May I know whether the Hon'ble Minister has not submitted a scheme for the supply of drinking water to these areas?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government)*: The Hon'ble Minister has sent some notes about a scheme for supplying water to the coastal areas.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: What has become of it?

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Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):* That is being considered.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam):* My I know, what was that scheme ?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):* That was about the boring of deep-wells.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: വള്ളത്തിൽ വെള്ളം കൊണ്ടുവന്ന അവിടെ കൊണ്ട പോയി വിതരണം ചെയ്യുവാനുള്ള വല്ല സ്കീമുമുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):* That also is being considered.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ടി. അച്യുതൻ: എന്നാണ് അതു നടത്തുവാൻ പോകുന്നതു"?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". രാഘവൻ: It is not possibile this year.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ടി. അച്യുതൻ: ഇക്കൊല്ലം കൊടുക്കാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". രാഘവൻ: ഇക്കൊല്ലം പ്രയാസമാണ്",

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* May I know who is now considering the note submitted by the Hon'ble Minister ?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):* That scheme is being considered by the Chief Engineer. We are getting expert opinion on that scheme.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* When was the scheme sent to the Chief Engineer ?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):* About a month ago.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* When do you expect to get it back ?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):* We have already got his opinion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* It was stated here that the Hon'ble Minister submitted a scheme to the Government.....

Mr. President: I suggest that if Hon'ble Members want full information about an entirely different scheme from that which is referred to in the question, it is only fair to the members of the Government that they should put in notice of questions asking for the information that they need.

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* Is there any means of supplying water by any means in the near future ?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):* A scheme is under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, to whom the Minister "submitted" his scheme.

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):* I did not say that the Minister submitted the scheme. The Minister visited Travancore; there he found the experiment of water-supply, from deep wells, he got details and sent them to the office for examination.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Which office, please ?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):* The Secretariat.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* May I know where did he get the details from ?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):* The Minister gathered the details from Travancore.

Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal):* May I know when was good drinking water supplied to Willingdon Island?

Mr. President: Order, order, that question does not arise.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Are the Government aware of the immediate distress that is now prevailing in the littoral tracts for want of good drinking water?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):* That necessity was there for a very long time and the Government have realised that.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians Ernakulam):* The Government have relegated that scheme for post-war development and has not taken any action for immediate relief. Is it the position of the Government that no immediate relief is necessary because it has been standing for a long time.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Sir, I may say that it is not exactly a question of Government not considering this question at all. As a matter of fact this question has come up before the Council many times and the Government have always said that unless water supply from the Chowwara pumping system is considerably enhanced,, it is not possible to assure proper supply to the coastal tracts. It is only now that we have been able

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to duplicate the present pipe line and on account of that duplication we will be able to get some more water. Unless we get sufficient quantity of water to be supplied it is not at all possible to supply proper drinking water to the coastal areas. That is why we always say that unless the pumping system at Chowwara and the raising main over here are expanded it will not be possible to do that. Taking water by a few valloms to one particular village is only tinkering with the problem and that is not going to satisfy the demands at all. So unless it is properly tackled, unless we get sufficient quantity of water to be supplied and sufficient pipe length, what is the use of saying, we shall consider, we shall do it, etc. We want to do it as early as possible, and this is the only means as far as Government at present are aware to supply proper drinking water there. As for boring wells to see whether water can be supplied therefrom, we are trying that also. We are in touch with the people who are able to do it and we are thinking of undertaking that if it is feasible. The House is aware that sometime back some boring experiments were done but the results were not satisfactory. That is why we thought that to completely satisfy the demands the only practicable course is to take Alwaye water over there in pipes. For that the supply system has to be improved and we are improving it. We are doing our best to improve it further and as soon as sufficient water becomes available we will take it over.

മിസ്റ്റർ കുമാരനെഴുത്തശ്ശൻ: എത്രകാലത്തിനുള്ളിൽ ഏറ്റവും അത്യാവശ്യമായ ഈ സംഗതി നിവൃഹിച്ചുകൊള്ളാമെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I plead inability to give such assurance.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Will the Government be pleased to try the other alternative system proposed by the Minister.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* The Minister has suggested a scheme of taking some water in a few Valloms to Mulavukad and to Panambukad but that will serve only to a very few.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas Kanayannur):* Is it the only alternative scheme?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Boring of wells is another scheme which I already mentioned. There was some suggestion about taking water in a few Valloms and so I wanted to make that position clear.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* May I know how long will it take for the Government to do something in this matter. I am told that it is very cheap to bore wells.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I may assure the House the Government are anxious to do it as early as possible. We have to get proper people to do that.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* May I know whether there was not an assurance from the Government in the second budget session of the last Council that experiment of boring tube wells in that area will be undertaken and what has happened to that ? Has it been implemented in any way ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I don't think it has been implemented after that. As I said we are still upon that scheme also. In the meanwhile Government are doing all that is possible. The pipe line has been to some extent improved. This will be the surest means, because once before we tried to bore wells and the results were not satisfactory. It is the opinion of the Government even now that it will not be the proper solution to satisfy the requirements.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* In view of the very pressing nature of the problem till a permanent solution is found out can we not make some interim arrangements to relieve the distress in the locality. This is a thing which should not wait for ages. People cannot wait for water till you finish your schemes.

Now as we are sitting here the people there are suffering, human distress is prevailing in that area now. Can you not instead of asking them to wait find out some means to give them some drinking water?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I am sorry to state that we have not been able to find any other solution for making arrangements satisfactorily.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Very poor show.

Mr. P. A. Mohammed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* May I know whether water was not being taken in barges in Mattancheri formerly ?

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Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. P Mohammed Ashrof *(Cranganur)*: Then why not adopt that now also?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government)*: There is not sufficient water at present.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvs-Kanayannur)*: Give some water at least to the Azhikkal people who are so near.

Mr.L.M.Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam)*: Are the Government aware that the very few tube wells there are absolutly useless now for want of repairs ?

Mr. K.S.Raghavan *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam)*: Are the Government aware that the few little things that are required to keep these tube wells are not supplied by the department concerned.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I have no information. I want notice.

LITTORAL TRACTS—DRINKING WATER

320. Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is adequate water supply for drinking purposes in the littoral tracts in Cochin-Kanayannur and Cranganur Taluks;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, will Government be pleased to inform this house the steps taken by the Government to provide these areas with adequate supply of water and the amounts spent in the years 1117, 1118, 1119 and 1120;

(*c*) will Government be pleased to state whether the Government have explored the possibility of supplying drinking water to these areas;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative will Government be pleased to inform this house the nature and result of the experiments made by the Government in this matter;

(*e*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the negative will Government be pleased to inform this House why the Government did not find out ways and means for the adequate supply of drinking water in these areas?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:

(*a*) A protected system of water supply is now made to the Town of Mattancheri and to the other littoral area between Mattancheri and Kandakadavu. In no other place such a supply is made now.

(*b*) In the years mentioned in the question, efforts have been made to enhance the supply of water from Chowwara to Ernakulam to meet the greatly increased demands from the Towns of Ernakulam, Mattancheri and the Port of Cochin.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The supply of water to the Southern limits of the State would involve the laying of about four miles of pipe. The supply of water to the northern area from Vypeen to Pallipuram would require a pipe line across the backwaters, and about eleven miles of pipes on the coastal strip. No investigation was made for a water supply to Cranganur. There was no requisition from this area.

(*e*) The question of water supply to the littoral areas of the C. K. Taluk is being considered as a Post-War Scheme.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)* May I khow wheter the Government will be pleased to inform this House that after reading the questions sent by me and the answer given, whether this is a proper answer to the question? My question is whether there is adequate water supply for drinking purposes in the littoral tracts in the Cochin-Kanayannur and Cranganur Taluks and the answer is, a protected system of water supply is now made to the town of Mattancheri and to the other littoral area between Mattancheri and Kandakkadavu, and in no other place such a supply is made now.

Mr. President: I think the question has been answered. The answer states the situation as it is and it may be inferred that, when the answer says in no other place is protected water supply made, the supply is not adequate. I think the Hon'ble Member's question has been fully answered.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)* My question is whether there is adequate supply of water in those areas.

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